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Robert d. Barnes et al.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 31, 2002**

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed on July 31, 2002, claims 1-27 were rejected. The Applicants respectfully travers the rejections. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Puri (U.S. Pat. No. 5,563,593). Furthermore, the Examiner rejected claims 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hirabayashi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,101,282).